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Applicants: Patricia K. Somers

Serial No.: U.S.S.N. 09/570,098

Examiner: White

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For: Monoesters of Probutol for the Treatment
of Cardiovascular and Inflammatory disorder

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2001, by the Patent Office in the above-application, please amend the claims as indicated herein and consider the following remarks. A petition for a two month extension of time, extending the time for response through December 3, 2001, is enclosed.

In the Claims

Please replace the entire set of pending claims with the enclosed Replacement Claim Set. The Replacement Claim Set: (1) cancels claims 1-12, and (2) adds new claims 13-99.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Office Action rejected claims 1-12 on the basis of double patenting under 35 U.S.C. 101 over U.S. Pat. No. 6,121,319 (the '319 patent). The '319 patent claims methods for the treatment of disorders mediated by VCAM-1. The claims as now presented are directed to (i) a compound of the formula